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EPA and the States: Region 9 Library Resources

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In July 1994, EPA Administrator Carol Browner and several state environmental managers signed a Joint Policy Statement on State/EPA relations. This joint statement emphasized the special relationship that exists between the federal government and the states in their common mission of protecting the environment.

To support the efforts of both the EPA and the states, the Region 9 Library provides access to a vast array of resources on federal and state regulations and programs as well as materials clarifying how they are interrelated.

Federal and state legislative and regulatory materials such as the U.S. Code Annotated, the Code of Federal Regulations, the Federal Register, the California Code Annotated, the Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii codes or rules of Law, various compendia, etc., can be found in the library as well as resources necessary for litigation and enforcement: federal and state cases, law treatises, etc. This material is available either in paper format, on microfiche, or on CD-ROM databases: EarthLaw, BNA, CFRs Solutions.

Although all of Region 9 is represented, environmental regulatory materials from the State of California are given a prominent place. A copy of *Barclays Official California Code of Regulations* is available at the Reference Desk. Title 22 of the Code is especially used as it provides state environmental regulations.

Information on various states environmental entities or individuals facilitates research and contacts between EPA and the states. The library maintains a collection of directories such as *California Environ-*

mental Directory, Arizona Yearbook, National Directory of State Agencies, the State Yellow Book, as well State/Federal statistical and census information.

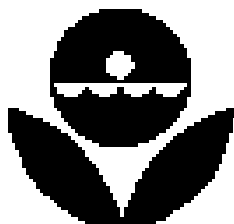
A complete collection of Region 9 telephone directories is kept up to date, further facilitating contacts between EPA and the states.

The Journal Collection includes journals containing articles on state environmental subjects as well as on state/federal relations. Access to these articles is provided by searching the CD-ROM indexes such as Environment Abstracts, Environmental Periodicals Index, PolTox, WasteInfo, etc. The Region 9 Library collection of books and reports (accessible through the OLS catalog) reflects the importance of EPA/States relationship. Guidance documents on the preparation of State Implementation Plans (SIPs) can be found in the library. The SIPs, which are major examples of Federal/State relations, are reports on ambient air quality data that must be submitted annually by the states according to CFR requirements.

Other important documents of this nature are the State Contingency Plans. Some of these plans, such as the 1993 *Alaska Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil and Hazardous Substances Discharges/Releases* are available in the Library.

The collection also includes comparative data such as *Analysis of State Superfund Programs, 50-State Study, 1990, Water Pollution Differences among the States in Issuing Permits Limiting the Discharge of Pollutants* (GAO, 1996), as well as materials on Federal/States relations, for instance a





1995 GAO report titled: *EPA and the States Environmental Challenges Require a Better Working Relationship*.

In February 1995, the President proposed the new Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) program to effectively address federal grants distribution to states (often the primary enforcers of federal environmental standards). The library holds materials on various federal grants to states including federal funding for wastewater treatment projects

Frequent contacts between state and EPA librarians have enhanced federal/state relations. The Region 9 EPA librarians are often in touch with CAL-EPA Department of Toxic Substances Control Library, exchanging such services as database searches, referrals, and interlibrary loans.

The Hazardous Waste Librarian often cooperates with the Region 9 states by providing technical reference assistance on the subjects of Hazardous Waste and Superfund. She also distributes documents to such offices as the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. In the recent past, she has provided assistance to the Hawaii State Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office in establishing a library of technical reports and policy guidance.

The Pollution Prevention Librarian gives presentations at the annual California Pollution Prevention Conferences for Local Governments. She provides assistance to the staff of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and, in 1995, went twice to Sacramento to help this department set up a pollution prevention database. From her San Francisco loca-



tion, she assisted the State of Hawaii Waste Minimization Coordinator in setting up a specialized library. She regularly shares her knowledge of Internet resources with various State Government offices.

Interlibrary loan services are frequently requested by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and by the California Department of Fish and Game.

It is impossible to cover in this short article the wealth of materials on Federal/States programs that can be found at the Region 9 Library. A search in the OLS database or a visit to the library will provide additional information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting in February 1996, the new Library hours are:

M-F 10am-4pm.

The telephone hours remain the same:

M-F 10 am-3pm.

The Library now has two public access stations: a 486 computer was installed at the CDROM public access station and the 386 computer with its CDROM player remains in use. Both computers are connected to the same printer.

SELECTED RECENT ACQUISITIONS

EPA 600/R-95-131	Methods for the Determination of Organic Compounds in Drinking Water. Supplement III. U.S. EPA. August 1995.
EPA 625/R-95-001	Process Design Manual: Land Application of Sewage Sludge and Domestic Septage. U.S. EPA. September 1995.
EPA 625/R-95-004	National Conference on Environmental Problem-Solving with Geographic Information systems. Cincinnati, Ohio, September 21-23, 1994. U.S. EPA. September 1995.
EPA 738/R-94-008	Status of Pesticides in Reregistration and Special Review (Rainbow Report). U.S. EPA. June 1994.
EPA 747/R-95-002a	A Field Test of Lead-Based paint Testing Technologies: Summary Report. U.S. EPA. May 1995.
EPA 749/R-95-001	Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Data Use Conference: Building TRI and Pollution Prevention Partnerships. Boston, Massachusetts, December 5-8, 1994. U.S. EPA. March 1995.
EPA 832/B-93-004	Water-Related GISs (Geographic Information Systems) along the United States-Mexico Border. U.S. EPA. July 1993.
HC75.E5A34 PP	Environmental Management: an Integrated Approach Could Reduce Pollution and Increase Regulatory Efficiency. U.S. General Accounting Office. January 1996.
029788 HWC	Field Manual for Water Quality Sampling. <u>in English and Spanish.</u> Arizona Water Resources Research Center. March 1995.
029790 HWC	Superfund: Operations and Maintenance Activities will require Billions of Dollars. U.S. General Accounting Office. September 1995.